

**CITY GOVERNMENT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL
SAVANNAH, GEORGIA
October 6, 2011**

The regular meeting of Council was held this date at 2:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of City Hall. The Invocation was given by Alderman Jackson followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The September 22, 2011 City Council Meeting Minutes and the September 22, 2011 Summary/Final Minutes of the City Council Workshop and City Manager's Briefing, were approved upon motion of Alderman Felser, seconded by Alderman Jones and carried.

Upon motion by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Jackson and carried, approval was given for the Mayor to sign an affidavit and resolution for the Executive Session held for the purpose of discussing real estate and personnel on October 6, 2011.

PRESENT: Mayor Otis S. Johnson, Presiding
Mayor Pro-Tem Edna B. Jackson
Alderman Tony Thomas, Chairman of Council
Alderman Van Johnson II, Vice-Chairman of Council
Aldermen Larry Stuber, Clifton Jones, Jeff Felser,
Mary Osborne and Mary Ellen Sprague

City Manager Rochelle D. Small-Toney
City Attorney James B. Blackburn
Asst. City Attorneys Lester B. Johnson, III

ABSENT: William W. Shearouse

PRESENTATIONS

Malain McCormick of the Competitor Group and Joe Marinelli provided an update on Rock 'n' Roll Savannah. The event is 33-days away with 23, 000 runners. Each runner is expected to bring 2.3 people with them. Runners as far away as India will be present; 15 countries are represented. Alderman Jackson stated it was wonderful how the neighborhoods were shaping up and showing their beauty.

Cathy Solomons, Interim Director of Telfair Museums, and Tania Sammons, Curator of Decorative Arts and the Owens-Thomas House, appeared concerning the upcoming symposium on Slavery and Freedom in Savannah. The event will be October 13th through the 15th in Green Square, with 13 speakers, and at the Second African Baptist Church.

Undine Truedell, Acting Cultural Arts Director, Linda Evans, Cultural Affairs Commission Chairwoman, and others were recognized for the Arts and Humanities Month in Savannah. This is a coast to coast event; in Savannah it was kicked off by the Picnic in the Park where over 23,000 people attended. Mayor Johnson thanked the community and volunteers. Alderman Felser thanked the sanitation workers.

Georgette Backman, President of Savannah/Chatham 6th District PTA, and Sandra Cason, District Director, along with other District representatives appeared to receive a letter, by Mayor Johnsons, recognizing October as PTA Membership Enrollment Month. There are over 50,000 PTA's in Savannah.

David Boyd appeared concerning a benefit for the Second Harvest Food Bank of Savannah on October 21, 2011. The theme is, "Relive Your Prom." It will be at the Riverside Marriott.

The City's United Way team appeared and spoke on upcoming fundraisers for the City's campaign. There will be another game this year between the Police and Fire

Departments, at Windsor Forest at 1:00 pm on October 15th. Mayor Johnson thanked City employees for coming through with their donations. Acting Assistant City Manager Stephanie Cutter stated there were less employees this year and they are entertaining other incentives.

LEGISLATIVE REPORTS

As advertised, the following alcoholic license petitions were heard. No one appeared in objection to the issuance of the licenses and upon motion of Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Thomas, and carried, they were approved:

ALCOHOL BEVERAGES LICENSE HEARING

Wen Jie Huang for Huang's Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Sakura, requested to transfer a beer and wine (drink) license with Sunday sales from Anna J. Bukowiec at 8465 Waters Avenue, which is located between Montgomery Cross Road and Cranman Drive in District 4. (New owner/manager)

Pravin R. Patel for Prisha Trading, Inc. d/b/a Shiv Foodmart, requesting to transfer a beer and wine (package) license from Hitesh Patel t/a Prem Enterprises, Inc. at 4402 Montgomery Street, which is located between 60th and 61st Streets in District 5. (New owner/manager)

Marybell Slay for 128 E. Broughton Street, LLC, d/b/a Dosha Bar and Lounge, requested a liquor, beer and wine (drink) license at 128 E. Broughton Street, which is a new location between Abercorn and Drayton Streets in District 1. (New owner/manager)

ZONING HEARINGS

Metropolitan Planning Commission (Z-110505-51311-2), recommended a text amendment to the City of Savannah Zoning Ordinance, Article J, Sections 2.0, 6.6 and 7.0, to add definitions and to require aircraft hazard lighting and reflective tape wrapping on wireless telecommunications facilities between 100 and 199 feet in height. As technologies have evolved, more and more wireless telecommunications facilities will be needed to provide the communications, data and entertainment services of the public. Lighting systems and reflective tape are a comparatively low-cost and low impact measure that helps mitigate the dangers of operating aircraft at low altitudes. The proposed amendments would require lighting and reflective taping on all new towers, and where towers are structurally modified under the terms of the ordinance. Recommend approval of a MPC request to continue the hearing to November 17, 2011 to allow this amendment requested by Chatham County Mosquito Control to be heard first by the County Commission.

Upon motion by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Sprague and carried, the hearing will be November 17, 2011.

Whitlow Construction Co., Owner; Rebecca Rolfes, Petitioner; Harold Yellin, Agent (Z-1108100-42329-2), requesting to rezone 327 Jefferson Street from B-C (Community Business) to RIP-A. MPC recommends approval of rezoning from B-C to RIP-A (Residential-Medium Density). The property is currently developed with a two-story commercial structure with associated parking. It is the desire of the petitioner to establish a live/work mixed use facility. However, because the use is not allowed in the BC zoning classification, a change to the RIP-A classification is sought. The proposed zoning classification is consistent with both the Tri-Centennial Comprehensive Plan and the general development pattern in the area which is a mixture of retail, office and residential uses. (See "First and Second Readings")

Upon motion by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Felser and carried the Public Hearing was closed.

PETITIONS

Brian Felder for Dr. Irving Victor– Petition 13373, requesting permission to encroach onto the Upper Factor’s Walk right-of-way for the construction of a deck. The subject property is in front of Vic’s Restaurant at 26 E. Bay Street, PIN 2-0004-10-023. The petitioner proposes to construct a serving deck (for outdoor dining) across the public walk on the existing steel beams that project over Lower Factor’s Walk. The proposed improvements include the addition of a new serving deck across the public walkway that fronts the building and over the existing steel beams that exist as part of historic Factor’s Walk. The deck addition would include the removal of one section of railing, the construction of a wood frame deck, and wood railing on three sides. The petitioner claims that the structure will be consistent with the diversity of bridges and platforms which have historically spanned Factor’s Walk. The request has received approval from the Historic District Board of Review subject to permission from City Council to encroach onto the right-of-way. The petition has been reviewed by Water Resources, Sanitation, Park and Tree, and Development Services. There are two specimen live oaks in the vicinity of the proposed deck location, and Park and Tree requests that the contractor be cautioned to avoid damaging the trees or their root systems when handling materials and equipment at the project site. Development Services recommends that the petitioner be required to provide a report from a structural engineer confirming that the existing beams are able to handle the design loads. In addition, the City Engineer recommends that prior to construction, the property owner, Dr. Irving Victor, sign an agreement assuming responsibility for maintenance and liability of all encroaching structures and appurtenances. All modifications must follow the City’s permitting process and adhere to building code ordinances. Recommend approval of the requested encroachment for construction of a serving deck in conjunction with the operation of Vic’s Restaurant subject to the conditions and stipulations stated above. Recommend also advising the petitioner that the encroachment grants no ownership rights to the property and if ever required, the structures must be removed at petitioner/property owner’s expense. Recommend further advising the petitioner that the City retains the right to require the removal of the deck if at any time in the future it ceases to be used for the stated purpose.

Citizen Ardis Woods asked – Will rent be collected by the City? If this restaurant does it, what about the others?

Upon motion by Alderman Felser, seconded by Alderman Jackson and carried the petition was granted.

ORDINANCES

First and Second Readings

Ordinance read for the first time and second time in Council October 6, 2011, placed upon its passage, adopted and approved upon motion of Alderman Stuber, seconded by Alderman Osborne.

Alderman Felser recused himself from discussion and voting.

Digital Billboards. An ordinance to amend Section 8-3112 (c) (5)(e) of the Zoning Ordinance to remove “or his designee” from the authorization for the City Manager to order modifications to digital billboards; to limit the number of digital billboard faces to one per pole.

Section 8-3112 Sign Permits Required - (C) Restricted Sign, (5), e.

The message must not change displays over a period of not less than ten (10) seconds, with all moving parts or illumination moving or changing simultaneously; and the sign cannot display any illumination that moves, appears to move or changes in intensity during the static display period. No auditory message or mechanical sounds may be emitted from the sign. Further, any such sign shall contain a default design that will freeze the sign on one position if a malfunction occurs.

Such sign shall only be allowed within the B-C, B-G, B-G-1, B-H, I-L, and I-H zoning districts.

Each outdoor sign structure shall have no more than one (1) digital display per direction with a maximum of two (2) signs per structure. Further, no cut outs shall be permitted. Images shall be confined to the digital sign face.

All digital signs shall be modulated so that from dawn to dusk, the brightness shall not be no more than 7,500 NITS (Candles per square meter). From dusk to dawn, the brightness shall not be more than 350 NITS.

New locations for sign under this subsection (as opposed to conversions of existing signs) shall not be permitted within two hundred fifty (250) feet of a residential zone. Conversion of existing signs, whether conforming or nonconforming, to a sign permitted under this subsection shall not be permitted within one hundred fifty (150) feet of a residential zone. The minimum distance between digital billboards shall be five thousand (5,000) feet on the same side of the street and two thousand five hundred feet on the opposite side of the street. Distances shall be measured pursuant to the requirements of Section 8-3112(l)(8)(g) herein.

Such signs shall be permitted only along four land or more arterial roadways as defined in Section 8-3112(l) herein.

Such signs shall not be permitted inside the boundaries of any locally designated Historic District or Property or any Historic District as defined by the National Historic Register.

Such signs shall not be permitted inside the boundaries of any urban redevelopment areas as defined by the City of Savannah.

Such signs may be order modified by the City Manager based solely on accident statistics and/or reports which demonstrate a causal connection between increased accident levels and signs permitted under this section.

One (1) new digital billboard face will be permitted within the corporate limits of the City of Savannah when a number of existing nonconforming billboards within the corporate limits of the City of Savannah that correspond to a ratio is removed. The ratio shall be 2.5 square feet of existing billboard face space for every 1 square foot of electronic/digital billboard face to be erected. Nonconformity shall be determined by applicable sections of the zoning ordinance.

The required nonconforming billboard area shall first be removed within the same aldermanic district in which the digital billboard is located. If no nonconforming billboard area exists with such district, the removal of nonconforming billboard area shall occur on a rotating basis beginning with aldermanic district 1. For example, if the removal of nonconforming billboard area equals two (2) billboard faces and no nonconforming billboard area existed in the same district, the first billboard would be removed from District 1 and the second would be removed from District 2. Upon the approval of another digital billboard in a district where no nonconforming billboard area existed, nonconforming billboard area would be removed from District 3, and so on. Final approval for new billboard faces shall not be granted until the number of nonconforming billboard faces is removed and certified by the City Manager. The petitioner shall be required to meet all other requirements of the City Code unless otherwise permitted herein.

Each digital billboard shall have information attached identifying the agent or agency responsible for its construction and maintenance and the permit number issued by the Zoning Administrator for such signs.

Beginning October 7, 2011 no more than three (3) new digital billboard faces shall be erected or converted in the City of Savannah. Such billboards shall meet all other requirements and development standards of this ordinance.

Digital billboard sites established after October 7, 2011, no billboard structure shall support more than one (1) digital billboard face.

Adopted and approved this 6th day of October, 2011.

Ordinance read for the first time and second time in Council October 6, 2011, placed upon its passage, adopted and approved upon motion of Alderman Stuber, seconded by Alderman Osborne.

Price Street. An ordinance to authorize modifying Price Street from Bay Street to 42nd Street from a two lane southbound facility to one lane with on-street parking on the west side of the street and a six-foot Type II bicycle lane. (Traffic Engineering Report approved September 28, 2011.)

AN ORDINANCE
To Be Entitled

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND APPENDIX I, SECTION 219 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF SAVANNAH, GEORGIA (2003) PERTAINING TO SECTION 7-1091 OF SAID CODE TO PROVIDE THAT THE STREET NAMED HEREIN SHALL PROHIBIT STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING AT ALL TIMES; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND, FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah, Georgia, in regular meeting of Council assembled and pursuant to lawful authority thereof:

SECTION 1: That Appendix I, Section 219 of the Code of the City of Savannah, Georgia (2003), pertaining to Section 7-1091 of said Code, as amended, shall be amended as follows:

AMEND SECTION 219 STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING
PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES TO INCLUDE

DELETE

PRICE STREET

On the east side and west side of Price Street from Bay Street to Victory Drive.

SECTION 2: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED: OCTOBER 6, 2011.

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BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah, Georgia, in regular meeting of Council assembled and pursuant to lawful authority thereof:

SECTION 1: That Appendix I, Section 219 of the Code of the City of Savannah, Georgia (2003), pertaining to Section 7-1091 of said Code, as amended, shall be amended by adding thereto the following:

AMEND SECTION 219 STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING
PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES TO INCLUDE

ENACT

PRICE STREET

On the east side of Price Street from Bay Street to 42nd Street.

On the east side and west side of Price Street from 42nd Street to
Victory Drive.

SECTION 2: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED: OCTOBER 6, 2011.

One Hour Time Zone Request – 0 Block of West Brady, 0 Block of East 34th Street, 100 Block of East 36th Street. An ordinance to authorize one hour time zones on the 0 block of West Brady, 0 block of East 34th Street, and 100 block of East 36th Street. This action has been requested by residents via petition. Mobility and Parking Services conducted a six month trial of the time zones and they were effective in reducing student overcrowding and allowing residents to park on their blocks. This ordinance will be on the November 17, 2011 agenda.

90-Minute Time Zone Request – Bull Street Library/Thomas Square Parking Area. An ordinance to authorize 90-minute time zones for all spaces in the Bull Street Library/Thomas Square parking area. The parking lot is fronted by Bull Street, 35th Street, and Drayton Street. Because of the opening of Arnold Hall parking in this parking area was unavailable for library patrons. At the library's request the spaces were converted to 90-minute zones for a six-month trial. The time zones have proven effective in allowing enough turn over for library patrons to use the lot. The library board officially supports making the trial permanent. Upon motion by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Jackson and carried this ordinance was tabled

Ordinance read for the first time and second time in Council October 6, 2011, placed upon its passage, adopted and approved upon motion of Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Sprague and carried.

Rezone 327 Jefferson Street (Z-1108100-42329-2). An ordinance to rezone 327 Jefferson Street from B-C (Community Business) to RIP-A (Residential-Medium Density).

AN ORDINANCE
To Be Entitled

AN ORDINANCE TO REZONE CERTAIN PROPERTY FROM ITS PRESENT B-C ZONING CLASSIFICATION TO A RIP-A-ZONING CLASSIFICATION; TO REPEAL ALL OTHER ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES:

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah, Georgia, in a regular meeting of Council assembled and pursuant to lawful authority thereof:

SECTION 1: The following described property be rezoned from its present B-C zoning classification to a R-I-P-A zoning classification:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Beginning at a point [X 987377.372 Y 756149.538] located on the centerline of Jefferson Street and thence proceeding along a line in a Northwesterly Direction: N 73-18-20 W

for a distance of approximately 106.071 feet to a point thence proceeding along a line in a Southwesterly Direction: S 17-35-17 W for a distance of approximately 47.967 feet to a point thence proceeding along a Southeasterly Direction: S 72-24-43 E for a distance of approximately 31.947 feet to a point thence proceeding along a line in a Southwesterly Direction: S 16-38-41 W for a distance of approximately 73.736 feet to a point thence proceeding along a line in a Southeasterly Direction: S 73-50-17 E for a distance of approximately 8.928 feet to a point thence proceeding along a line in a Southeasterly Direction: S 72-58-56 E for a distance of approximately 65.994 feet to a point, [located on the centerline of Jefferson Street] thence proceeding along the centerline of Jefferson Street, in a Northeasterly Direction: N 16-38-38 E for a distance of approximately 122.485 feet to a point [X 987377.372 Y 756149.538] said point being, the point of beginning.

The property is further identified by the Property Identification Number as follows:

P.I.N.: 2-0031-20-003

SECTION 2: That the requirement of Section 8-3182(f)(2) of said Code and the law in such cases made and provided has been satisfied. That an opportunity for a public hearing was afforded anyone having an interest or property right which may have been affected by this zoning amendment, said notice being published in the Savannah Morning News, on the 13th day of September, 2011, a copy of said notice being attached hereto and made a part hereof.

SECTION 3: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 6TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2011.

Election District Maps. An ordinance to adopt the amended Election District Maps showing all annexed areas as submitted to and approved by the U.S. Department of Justice. Upon motion by Alderman Thomas, seconded by Alderman Felser and carried, this ordinance was tabled until the Mayor and Council receive a map.

RESOLUTIONS

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF SAVANNAH AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN AFFIDAVIT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah as follows:

At the meeting held on the 6th day of October, 2011 the Council entered into a closed session for the purpose of discussing real estate and personnel. At the close of the discussions upon this subject, the Council reentered into open session and herewith takes the following action in open session:

1. The actions of Council and the discussions of the same regarding the matter set forth for the closed session purposes are hereby ratified;
2. Each member of this body does hereby confirms that to the best of his or her knowledge, the subject matter of the closed session was devoted to matters within the specific relevant exception(s) as set forth above;
3. The presiding officer is hereby authorized and directed to execute an affidavit, with full support of the Council in order to comply with O.C.G.A. §50-14-4(b); 17
4. The affidavit shall be included and filed with the official minutes of the meeting and shall be in a form as required by the statute.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 6TH DAY OF OCTOBER, UPON MOTION OF ALDERMAN JOHNSON, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN JACKSON AND CARRIED.

Elba Island LNG Terminal. A resolution urging the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to deny the application filed by Southeast Liquid Natural Gas to expand its Elba Island LNG terminal to truck major quantities of liquefied natural gas through Savannah, Georgia consistent with the Commission's rulings in the past concerning similar terminal facilities such as Key Span LNG in Providence, Rhode Island. Upon motion by Alderman Felser, seconded by Alderman Johnson and carried, the resolution was approved.

A resolution urging the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to deny the application filed by Southeast Liquid Natural Gas to expand the Elba Island LNG terminal and to truck major quantities of liquefied natural gas through Savannah, Georgia consistent with the Commission's rulings in the past concerning similar terminal facilities such as Key Span LNG in Providence, Rhode Island.

Whereas, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) is approaching a decision on an application from Southeast Liquid Natural Gas (LNG) that, among other things, seeks permission to expand the Elba Island terminal in Savannah, Georgia; and to truck major quantities of liquefied natural gas through the city of Savannah; and

Whereas, the project would truck transport a minimum of 58 trucks through the city of Savannah and urban area within close proximity of schools, centers of commerce, residential neighborhood, St. Joseph's Candler Hospital, and Memorial Hospital, the only level one trauma center for the coastal Georgia region; and

Whereas, the financial cost of compensating victims and rebuilding damaged or destroyed facilities following a catastrophic attack on an urban LNG facility and/or tanker truck would likely exceed any insurance carried by the owners and operators of the LNG facility and tanker trucks; and

Whereas, an expanded LNG capacity poses a number of substantial environmental concerns including disruption to ecological systems on the Savannah River and the Atlantic intercoastal waterway; and

Whereas, Whereas the current Elba Island LNG facility is "grandfathered" under several regulations:

The Natural Gas Pipeline Safety Act 1938

Federal LNG Safety Standard 49 CFR part 193 of February 1980; and

Whereas, the Elba Island Facility does not meet the current safety standards National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA) 2001, 59

Whereas, the Elba Island LNG facility is governed by a comprehensive scheme of federal regulations. In Section 3 National Gas Act that the proposed expansion of Elba Island is not in the public interest of the City of Savannah and its citizens, St Joseph-Candler Hospital. (Level One Trauma Center for Coastal Georgia), Memorial Hospital.

Whereas, the requested expansion of the terminal is based on a prediction that demand for natural gas will outstrip supply from North American sources, With up to 118 LNG tankers to arrive in Elba Island annually before 2025; and

Whereas, a security risk management analysis found that a terrorist attack on such a terminal and/or tanker truck is consistent with demonstrated intent and capability and the consequence of a major attack could include fires that would damage homes, neighborhoods, hospital, schools, financial institutions, and other critical infrastructure in the city of Savannah; and

Whereas, the expansion of the Elba Island LNG terminal and the increase of tanker trucks along the selected route of President Street to DeRenne Avenue through the city of Savannah will place serious strain on the city of Savannah, including the disruption of tourism and recreational boat industries, cost to local law enforcement, local hazmat responders, and the Coast Guard, and present a risk to plans for future development along DeRenne Avenue through Project DeRenne.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah hereby urge the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to render a decision that is consistent with their rulings and findings from July 5, 2005 to deny permits for terminal facilities similar to Elba Island terminal in Savannah GA. The application filed by Southeast Liquid Natural Gas to expand its terminal which does not meet current safety standard and is not in the public’s best interest.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to request a meeting in Washington, between FERC and the City, to discuss the full range of issues and concerns regarding both the expansion of the Elba Island terminal and the trucking of LNG in our urban areas.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of Council is authorized and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 6th DAY OF October, 2011 upon motion by Alderman Felser, seconded by Alderman Johnson and carried.

Criminal Justice System Concerns. A resolution to address concerns about public safety and the criminal justice system. (Continued from September 11, 2011.) Upon motion by Alderman Johnsons, seconded by Alderman Felser and carried, the resolution will be heard on the October 20, 2011 agenda.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

First Reading of Downtown Savannah Authority Application. The Commissioners of Chatham County have requested the assistance of the Downtown Savannah Authority in the financing of the acquisition of 125 Fahm Street, which facility will then be leased to the Union Mission organization by the issuance of 2011 revenue bonds. As required by state statue, the Authority in turn has made application to the City requesting the City Council’s express approval for the issuance of such bonds. Under state statue, the Authority’s application to the City to issue such bonds must receive two readings before City Council. The first reading is scheduled for the meeting of October 6, 2011. The second reading has been advertised for the meeting of October 20, 2011. The expected size of the bond issue is approximately \$2,600,000, plus amounts for real estate transaction costs and bond issuance costs. The bonds will be fully secured by a contract with the County. No action is required on this first reading.

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Marine Educational Markers. The Savannah - Chatham County Historic Site and Monument Commission recommends approval of a request by Sottile & Sottile Urban Design for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary to embed a series of six educational bronze plaques at regular intervals into the brick surface of Rousakis Plaza. The theme of the markers is maritime education. Each of the six plaques has a separate but related theme: NOAA Gray’s Reef National Marine Sanctuary; Reef Natural History; Ocean Stewardship; Ocean Wildlife; Geologic History; Savannah River Watershed. The six bronze plaques will be 24” x 24” in size. The petitioner has provided the full text and imagery for each of the six markers. Funds have been fully secured for the markers’ estimated cost of \$22,800.00. The Historic Site and Monument Commission recommends that City Council approve the petition because it is consistent with the Master Plan and Guidelines, and recommends that the petitioner coordinate with City Departments to ensure no utilities are damaged during installation.

Upon motion by Alderman Felser, seconded by Alderman Sprague and carried the markers were approved.

Right-of-Way Plat. Recommend approval of a right-of-way plat for Spring Lakes Drive/Godley Station School, which is located off of Benton Boulevard in District 1.

Upon motion by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Jackson and carried the plat was approved.

TRAFFIC ENGINEERING REPORTS

Chatham Area Transit Downtown Intermodal Facility. The proposed Chatham Area Transit (CAT) Downtown Intermodal Facility will be located in the current site of the Greyhound bus terminal on Oglethorpe Avenue between Fahm Street and Ann Street. The CAT Executive Director requests that the City revise traffic flow and on-street parking on Youmans Street between Fahm and Ann Streets to accommodate CAT bus circulation and facilitate the transfer of customers. The transfer facility will incorporate the southern right-of-way of Youmans Street reducing the width of the street from 45 feet to 30.9-32.7 feet. For this reason, Youmans Street will be required to operate one-way with buses travelling from west to east when loading and unloading passengers at the transfer station. Also due to the reduced width of this facility, on-street parking needs to be removed on both sides of the street. This is necessary for the proper maneuvering of buses in and out of the loading zones and to allow through vehicular traffic. Recommend approval to change Youmans Street, from Fahm Street to Ann Street, from two-way to one-way eastbound, and to remove on-street parking on both sides of the street in order to facilitate the implementation of the new CAT Downtown Intermodal Facility.

Alderman Thomas recused himself from discussion and voting.

Upon motion by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Felser and carried the engineering report was passed.

Upon motion of Alderman Thomas, seconded by Alderman Sprague and carried, the following **bids, contracts and agreements** were approved:

BIDS, CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS

Roof Replacement for Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department Headquarters – Bid No. 11.184. Approval to procure construction services for the Roof Replacement for SCMPD Headquarters from Metalcrafts, Inc. in the amount of \$264,400.00. The work to be completed as part of this project includes re-roofing the historic section of the SCMPD Headquarters Building on the corner of Oglethorpe and Habersham. This work includes demolition of the current roof and roofing structure that sits on top of the original roof, demolition of the shingles and underlayment of the original roof, sheathing over the existing sheathing, and installing a new prefinished standing seam metal roof. The original box gutters will be restored and new prefinished metal downspouts will be installed and connected to the existing cast iron boots. Delivery: 90 Days. Terms: Net-30 Days. Funds are available in the 2011 Budget, Capital Improvements Fund/Capital Improvements Projects/Other Costs/Public Safety Headquarters (Account No. 311-9207-52842-PB428).

Portable Air Compressors – One Time Purchase – Quotation No. 11.090. Approval to procure two trailer mounted portable air compressors from RSC Prime Equipment in the amount of \$25,398.00. The compressors will be used by Stormwater to replace unit 9218 and Sewer Maintenance to replace unit 6811. The units being replaced are no longer economical to repair or operate. The reason for not selecting the low bidder is that Fitmore Technologies did not meet specifications regarding installation, setup and training. Terms: Net-30 Days. Funds are available in the 2011 Budget, Vehicle Replacement Fund/Vehicle Purchases/Vehicular Equipment (Account No. 613-9230-51515).

Zero Turn Mowers – One Time Purchase – Bid No. 11.021. Approval to procure five zero turn mowers from Hendrix Machinery, Inc. in the amount of \$37,970.00. The mowers will be utilized by Water Reclamation to replace units 2815, 2816, 3819, 5849 and by Work Ventures to replace unit 5982. The replaced equipment is no longer economical to repair or operate. The reason for not selecting the low bidder is that the equipment Blanchard Equipment offered did not meet specifications for the clutch and transmission. Delivery: 10 Days. Terms: Net-30 Days. Funds are available in the 2011

Budget, Vehicle Replacement Fund/Vehicle Purchases/Vehicular Equipment (Account No. 613-9230-51515).

Small Sport Utility Vehicles – One Time Purchase – Bid No. 11.197. Recommend approval to procure two sport utility vehicles from J.C. Lewis Ford in the amount of \$38,370.00. The vehicles will be used by Information Services to replace unit 3101 and I & D Water to replace unit 5832. The replaced units are no longer economical to operate or repair. Delivery: 90 Days. Terms: Net-30 Days. Funds are available in the 2011 Budget, Vehicle Replacement Fund/Vehicle Purchases/Vehicular Equipment (Account No. 613-9230-51515).

Dump Trucks – Regular and Flatbed – One Time Purchase - Bid No. 11.196. Approval to procure one flatbed dump truck from J.C. Lewis Ford in the amount of \$64,281.00 and one regular dump truck from Roberts International Trucks in the amount of \$92,098.08 for a total of \$156,379.00. The flatbed truck will be used by Sewer Maintenance to replace unit 4818. The regular dump truck will be used by Street Cleaning to replace unit 4706. The trucks being replaced are no longer economical to operate or repair. J.C. Lewis Ford original bid was \$65,204.10 and has offered under the Local Vendor Preference to meet low bid price offered by Bartow Ford. Delivery: 90-120 Days. Terms: Net-30 Days. Funds are available in the 2011 Budget, Vehicle Replacement Fund/Vehicle Purchases/Vehicular Equipment (Account No. 613-9230-51515).

Tiburon Records Management Software Maintenance and Support – Sole Source – Requisition No. 11203517. Approval to procure software maintenance and support services for the Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department Records Management System and the Computer Aided Dispatch system for a one year period from Tiburon, Inc. in the amount of \$190,016.00. The reason why a sole source vendor is required is that Tiburon was the company the records management system was purchased from in 2002 and the software maintenance is only available through the software publisher. Delivery: As Needed. Terms: Net-30 Days. Funds are available in the 2011 Budget, Internal Service Fund/Information Technology/Data Processing Equipment Maintenance (Account No. 611-1140-51251).

Drainage Castings for Stormwater – One Time Purchase – Bid No. 11.200. Approval to procure drainage castings from Neenah Foundry in the amount of \$33,910.00. The castings will be used by Stormwater Management in the storm drain system to replace broken and worn out castings. Delivery: 30 Days. Terms: Net-30 Days. Funds are available in the 2011 Budget, General Fund/Stormwater Management/Construction Supplies & Materials (Account No. 101-2104-51340).

Generator for Lift Station 35 – One Time Purchase – Bid No. 11.198. Approval to procure a 250 KW Generator and Skid Base Fuel Tank from Cummins Power South, LLC in the amount of \$44,910.86. The generator and fuel tank will be utilized at Lift Station #35 to replace a generator that has reached the end of its service life and to upgrade power capacity and size to accommodate larger pumping equipment. Delivery: 63 Days. Terms: Net-30 Days. Funds are available in the 2011 Budget, (Account No. 311-9207-52842-SW318).

Box Office Ticketing System for Savannah Civic Center – Annual Contract Renewal – RFP No. 11.214. Recommend renewing an annual contract with Intellimark d/b/a E-Tix.com for a box office ticketing system for the Civic Center. The ticketing system will be used to provide event tickets via the phone, internet and at various ticket outlets. The system also allows customers to print tickets at home. Customers pay \$1.75 per ticket for on-line purchases. Phone orders are \$1.75 per ticket and an additional \$4.50 per order. In 2010 the transaction fees paid to E-Tix.com amounted to \$126,604.75. The customer fees pay for all of the maintenance costs associated with the system. This is a three year contract and is the second and final renewal of the original contract. Seven proposals were originally received on April 5, 2005 and evaluated by a selection committee of Civic Center, Information Technology and Purchasing staff. The financial evaluation was based on cost to the City and to customers. Three respondents were selected for interviews. Funds are available in the 2011 Budget, Civic Center Fund/Operating/Box Office Convenience Fees (Account No. 555-0000-45518).

Water and Sewer Agreement – Dollar General Retail Store. Trotter General, LLC received a water and sewer agreement for Dollar General Retail Store. The water and

sewer systems have adequate capacity to serve this 1.41-equivalent residential unit development located at 4628 Ogeechee Road. The agreement is consistent with policy directives given by the Mayor and Aldermen and has been reviewed and approved by the City Attorney for legal format.

Water and Sewer Agreement – Chatham County Detention Center Expansion Phase 1. Chatham County Board of Commission received a water and sewer agreement for Chatham County Detention Center Expansion Phase 1. The water and sewer systems have adequate capacity to serve this 489-equivalent residential unit development located off Carl Griffin Drive. The agreement is consistent with policy directives given by the Mayor and Aldermen and has been reviewed and approved by the City Attorney for legal format.

Fence Installation – Daffin Dog Park – One Time Purchase – Bid No. 11.204. Approval to procure fence installation services from T & T Fencing Company, Inc. in the amount of \$32,076.00. The services will be used by Buildings and Grounds to install fencing for the new Daffin Dog Park. Delivery: As Required. Terms: 1%-10, Net-30 Days. Funds are available in the 2011 Budget, Capital Improvement Fund/Capital Improvement Projects/Other Costs/Daffin Park Master Plan (Account No. 311-9207-52842-RE805). Upon motion by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Thomas and carried the bid was approved.

Site Infrastructure Improvements at Roundhouse Complex for Coastal Heritage Society – Bid No. 11.162. Request approval to procure construction services for the Site Infrastructure Improvements to the Western Portion of the Roundhouse Complex from Collins Construction in the amount of \$618,822.89. The work for the Coastal Heritage Society includes infrastructure improvements such as the sanitary sewer system, stormwater system, electrical work, and construction of a retaining wall as part of the Children's Museum area at the Roundhouse complex. Because costs for the total bid was significantly over the estimated budget amount, negotiations were held with the recommended low contractor and value engineering was conducted to reduce the total cost of construction. Bids were solicited from pre-qualified bidders only for this project. Delivery: 160 Days. Terms: Net-30 Days. Funds are available in the 2011 Budget, Capital Improvements Fund/Capital Improvements Projects/Other Costs/Roundhouse Site Improvements/Children's Museum Battlefield Park (Account No. 311-9207-52842-OP336). Upon motion by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Felser and carried, this request is tabled until the October 20, 2011 meeting.

There being no further business, Mayor Johnson declared this meeting of Council adjourned.



Dyanne C. Reese
Clerk of Council